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PRICE ONE CENT.

Kemmler Dies a Ter-

rible Death in

the Electric

Chair.

Not Kill Him and a

Second and Third

Were Applied.

Alive Six Minutes After the

Current Was Turned On.

The Wretched Man's Flesh

Burned After the Third

Shock.

emmler Nervy Up to the Last

Moment.

A More Revolting Exhibition

Than the Inquisition

Ever Saw.

PRYNCIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

Auguan, Aug. cf.-The first case of slec-

the terrible crime of murder-is not to be

William Keinmler died this morning, so

It was a succession of awful, rending

throbs, as if the nerves were being torn

The current was turned into the body

On the first occasion the electric throbs

set down as a complete success.

såder tearing tortures.

Which took his life away.

be done for sure.

piece by piece from their centres.

First Shock Did

for the second time, however, when again presed the signs of continued life. The man's chest heaved and from gath-

It was a spectacle which no tongue nor en could describe.

Hastily the word was given to the cor 9 O'CLOCK. cealed executioner in the next room to turn the switch again.

> This time the dynamo was allowed for four full minutes to your its destroying tide into the poor, strapped-down piece of

> Then there appeared the signs known to those familiar with the cases of death on the wires in New York.

Smoke came from the month. The odor of burning flesh filled the stiffingly hot room.

Kemmler was dead at last. By this time even the coolest-headed of the party was terribly impressed by the

awfulness of the event. What was the matter nebody ofn tell a

It is declared that the first voltage which went into Kemmler's body was registered at

That was enough to have killed instantly. What, then, was wrong? Was there meat in the stories of the dis-

arranged volt-metre, after all? "How long did Kemmler suffer?" asked an EVENING WORLD reporter of one of the

physicians who saw the execution. The doctor was loath to reply at first, but, finding the reporter knew already semething of what had gone on in that awful death-

chamber, he spoke, reassuringly: "Oh, the poor fellow was unconscious after the first shock. He did not feel the

Heaven grant that the doctor spoke the

It was a nervous, unstrung party which left the prison after the event was over. More than one of them will see for long

days in his mind's eye the pain-distorted face, with half-opened eyes, revealed when the face of dead William Kemmier was finally uncovered.

After the Bleetrocution. District Attorney Quimby, of Eric County the man who prosecuted Kemmler for his crime, emerged from the prison at 7,08 a. M. looking depressed and dejected, he said;
"It is all over. He died as quick as that,"

snapping his finger.

The excitement in the crowd at the announcement made by District-Attorney Quimby was intense, and every body jostled each other to get nearer to the iron gratings. No one else appeared on the iron stoop however, for some time and the crow simmered down to quietness.

It was 7.20 when heads began to appear in the windows of Warden Durston's office. Dr. T. K. Smith, emerging ten minute later, gave this account:

"The deed was done at 6.40 o'clock. Kemmier was full of nerve. He said as they led him out:
''Take your time, now; do it right.'

"Then when the clothes was not placed on his head firm enough he said: 'Put down hard.'
"What have you to say, William Kemm ler ?'asked Warden Durston.
''Nothing: only good-by, boys. I wish

Then after a moment he added: "I wish The switch was worked on the board in an adloining room by some person whose nam will probably be unknown for ever.

There was a slight twitching, and all wa over. William Remmler was dead in a wink. Chaplain Yates and Rev. Mr. Houghton wore very ead faces and were solemnly silent when they emerged arm in arm from the

PRAYING WITH THE MURDERER.
Chaplain Tates would say nothing. They repaired directly to Kemmler's cell on entering the prison.

There they knelt and prayed with and for the young man about to pass from the world Lawrence Donlan, himself a devout Catho-

lic, crossed himself as he left the seens, and old Dan'l McNaughton kneit humbly in a distant corner of the little room, while the reverend gentlemen prayed, first Chaplain Yates and then the paster of the fashionable Methodist church.

Kemmler, with his head balf buried in his hands on the cot that had been his bed of peaceful rest for fifteen months, gave no sign of any emotion. At the close of prayers Dr. Houghton took

treestion—the new method of administering the hands of the doomed man and in higentle voice drew from him the disjointed death as the extreme ponalty of the law for REMNILER'S REPRETERT WORDS.

"I was bad—wicked. I am sorry I did an awful deed. I should be punished for it. "I am ready to take my punishment. ought to die. I shall die game. far as the best obtainable evidence goes, not The two good men talked a little further in the instant and paintess manner in which to him and then withdrew.

it had been intended to execute him, but The Death Chamber and Fatal Switch. It was not a single, paralyzing shock

SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WOMED, I Athuan, Aug. 0.—An Eventso Wosto reporter has been permitted to make a visit sen's dress for the uniform of the State. this was the reducing box for the volt-meter to the inderground room prepared for Keminler's execution and to look upon the

Invalory and recognition room for newly arrived convicts, where the forger, smbergler
Reat was a small switch to turn the current.

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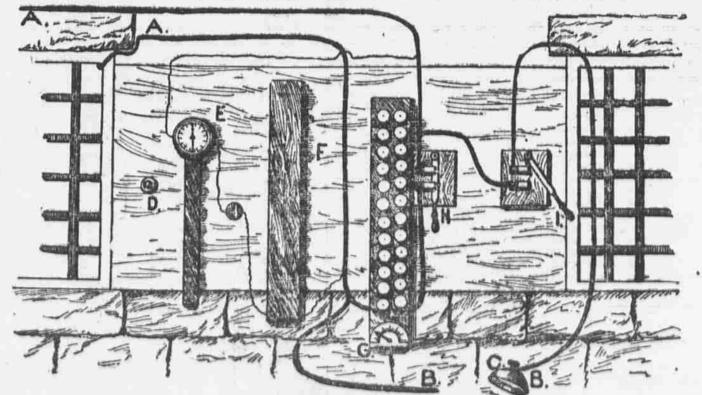
Then the first switch was to be opened and sained from the Rev. O. A. Houghton, the examination to be made, but not at the moreceive third all have to change their citioff and on at the meter. To the right of the second one closed. Searcely had the corrent been compred or secal thiof all have to change their citi- off and on at the meter. To the right of the second one closed.



-Auburn Prison front from State street.

3-Agent and Warden Duraton, 4-Principal Keeper Bayle. 5-Mrs. Duraton. 8-Prison front showing (A B) windows lighting Remmier's Cell and Death Chamber.

THE SWITCH OF DEATH.



Dynamo wire. BB-Wires to Connect with Remmier's head and have of apine. C-Cop goes un top of Remmier's head. D-Signal horizon to dynamo can imitate any musical instrument the E-Voltimeter register. F-Resistance box. G-Lamp board and register. H-Lamp Switch. I-Main switch, by handle of which executioner will world every heard of. The cornet is his AA-Draumo wire. BB-Wires to Connect with Kemmler's head and have of spine.

he chapel corridor of the prison to the long feet long, and was dimly lighted by two current was on and running steadily. hall through which the convicts march on iron-grated windows, about four feet above the floor, and which looked out upon the

hymna for Sunday and occasionally holds a select concart.

The other switch was the counterpart of the steady fread of the latter, as he paced autopsy to be made immediately acted on the counterpart of the steady fread of the

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Then came the main switches.

The first one was to short-circuit the cur-At the foot of the stairs, on the right, was closed door, securely fastened, behind Between the windows was placed the board was to pass through the first switch and go between the windows was placed the board was to pass through the first switch and go

was to be placed.

The wirer were daugling from the ceiling on the occasion of the reporter's visit.

cell.

The dimensions of the cell-room were ob-

The current of electricity would thus pass gentleman measuring the room and calls There was a ble-foot corridor cunning in apparatus controlling the fatal current.

In company with Warden Durston the which death was soon to send its summons.

There were twenty-four incandescent the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling, near the at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling, near the at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling, near the at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling, near the at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling, near the at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling, near the at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling, near the at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling, near the at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling, near the at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling, near the at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling, near the at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling at the side nearest the front of the purpose of board was nailed to the ceiling at the side nearest the following the fide nailed to This chair was not on exhibition, but a front of the cells and one elefact in width be lowest notes up to the vox colestis stop.

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"That fellow is a phenomenon," said Robsonite of the room, to which the wires sure lit is in these corridors that Kemmler took ert Dunisp, who is to be one of the witto be attached, and under which the chair all of his exercise. Which consisted of a promenade about twenty-four feet in extent.

At the root of the sairs, on the window was placed the board was described and the sair and the

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"But are not the doctors anxious to have conference this evening in the Warden's office. In his narrow cell on the ground t made the minute life ceases?" "No. Why should they bet We will probably not begin it until three or four hours after the electric current has passed through the bode."

the new and untried law. "It has been said, doctor, that you physicians do not know in cases of cicetrical death the immediate cause of death and that Pr. Southwick, McDonald, Spitzlin, George Pr. Southwick, McDonald, Spitzlin, George Pr. Southwick, McDonald, Spitzlin, George an immediate autopsy might show the cause."

Smith and Allison, of Auburn: Ward, Italeh and Neallis, of Albany, and Fell, Fowler and Danlels, of Buffalo, and Dr. Argue of Complex Complex and Dr. sicians do not know in cases of electrical

"That's partly true. We know that when a man dies by electricity his blood becomes

District-Attorney Quimby, of Eric County,
and Robert Dunlap, of New York, were in parts. Beyond this we have learned very the conference. When these gentlements little. The body is otherwise generally in a perfectly normal state. An immergument state, when these gentlement is a stated for the jail about \$3.30 o'clock, a perfectly normal state. diste autopsy would not reveal anything more than one held several
hours after death. Even if it would, I am

sembled so far, congregated around the
brison gates. Word was sent to Police not sore that I would favor it. If we were bloadquarters and two notices to do so you may be sure a cry would go up tailed to keep the street clear. so, if the condemned man did not perish by three inches square, and on each one he electric shock, would see to it that he would wrate the name of the recipient as follows: be dead before they got through with him."

"Another thing," continued the father of the electrical-execution law. "I see some mention made about Kemmler's family cisiming the body immediately after death and so preventing an autopsy. That cannot be. The law makes an antopsy mandatory,

RIS LAST DAY OF LIPE. of Kemmler's life, was spent by the con-

all others have been for the past week or so. He slept fairly well last night; in fact. a week, and he awoke this morning in much better spirits than he has been in for some time. He are a hearty breakfast and then them will lecture on the autopsy as they out his banjo and played the liveliest airs he knew, and Kemmier seemed to enjoy the by electricity when the current is directed by electricity when the current is directed. music more than usual. He kept time with his hands and feet, and at the conclusion of the concert remarked that the "music was

As the day were away Kemmler's sullen apirit began to show itself, but Dr. Houghton and Chaplain Yates called and talked with him, and he brightened up. He has no idea that it is probable that before the thin tones of the prison bell ring out to-morrow morning to awaken the convicts he will have been killed. He was simply living another day, a day which was like all others to him. It began to rain about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and looking from his cell sinduw he noticed the long and pointed eaves of the graceful Virginia creeper tripping with water in front of the window. ing hard, and then becan to write the last few cards upon which he will scrawl his

name and the date. name and the date.

This afternoon Dr. Houghton and Chap?
lain Yates called on him ngain, and after long instruction and earnest conversation administered the Lord's Supper. Hemmier shed that this might be done. He was bapised four months ago when it was supposed he was to be killed within a few hours, and is then received the sacrament. Then came the writ, and since then he has not bothered himself much about came the writ, and since then he has not bothered himself much about tany supper save his own daily meal.

As the time approaches for the final scenes in the experiment his religious advisors bring him around and he asks for the sacrament meekly and religiously, as though he understood all about it and knew what it signified. To-day the ministers had not prepared for the sacrament and Warden Durston brought bread and wine from his own froms. This was consecrated accordingly the sacrament in the program of the sacrament and warden the property of the sacrament and warden the sacrame

An Anburn man, who is well known by Warden Dursten, was allowed to see Kemm-ler this morning. He stopped at the ecit door and stoke to the prisoner. Knumber said that he was feeting very good and was not afraid of anything happening. He seems to have recovered from his feight to the head was to thise. great extent. His bravery, however, as to time

Former to be forced.

Turing the afternoon Warden Durston took several of the gentlemen through the prison and finally to the chapel, where they heard the pride of the prison do his great act. The "pride" is a negro convict, Levy, who has fifty-five days more to serve. Levy favorite, and the way he played "Home, Sweet Home," with all corts of trills and runs and fancy flourishes was a surprise to all who heard him. A melodeon or small church organ he imitates to perfection, from

'He has a fortune in his grasp if he nesses, its only properly eared for and managed others to when he gets out of here. I never heard early index the anything like it. Those he will fall into the Drs. McDon and the press McDon and the press are not any and

floor of the great dark prison Eemmler alept, or tried to sleep, while fifteen physicians were calmly deliberating how and when they should dissect the nurderer's body after he had been killed according

There were present at this ec

Argue, of Corning.

from somewhere that the doctors were Warden Durston made out the tickets of ad-While the conference was bound to have the execution a success, and mission. They are plain white eards, about

> CHARLES P. DUDONON. Warden.

At this conference the doctors talked over the situation and discussed every detail connected with the autopsy. It was decided who should do the operative work after the exebut relatives and friends can claim the body doctors connected directly with the after the autopsy. If they do not it will be autopsy. These will be Drs. McDonald, buried in quicklime."

Buitzks, Coroner Jenkins, of New York, and Daniels, of Ruffalo. Dr. Daniels will do all This, which is supposed to be the last day will be assisted by Dr. Jenkins, Drs. Spitzha of Kemmler's life, was spent by the condemned man in much the same manner as scaluel, but will stand behind the same manner as table and make the examination of it was the easiest night he has had for over himself entirely to the heart and brain. That is all that he cares abo Donald will be more interested in the brain turned his attention to his brother mig-derer, Frank Fish, who is also under sentence to die by the dynamo. Fish broughs thing else, since it will give a scientific and through the most vital parts of his body. It will show how sudden the death is, a fact which has never been demonstrated it will also show hust how the nervous fracten is affected by the electrical current and will explain that death is not caused by the first shock but by the \$500 snocks which will alternate back wards and forwards literates

TO MEEP THE NEWS BACK.

Durston brought bread and wine from his own rooms. This was convectated according to the Methodist ritual and Kemmler partook of it, after which he knelt down on the hard stone floor of his cell while the good Daniel McNaughton, who looks imposent and talks wise, prayed for him. Later on Fish, who has been occurring the adjoining cell to Kemmler, was moved to another part of the prisob. He went in to bid Kemmler good-by. He received to realize that he was soon to follow in the Buffalo's murderer's footsteps, and the parting affected him. On Femmler it had not the slightest effect. He said good-by without a tremor, and latighed as Fish left him, and exid: "Frank plays good music on his banjo."

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His Brain) Murder of Mrs. Tilto Esta-ter is Bellulo Last Venr. Kemmlar's crime was the brutal murder of

THE AUTOPST ARRANGEMENT.

All the people who are to witness the execution having arrived in town, there was a Philadelphia area and a half before he